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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS NOT COMMITTING THEMSELVES

Approval Of Estimates Not An Approval Of Income Tax Relief Expenditure Cut

"I speak on behalf of all my unofficial colleagues present, and we wish to make it clear that by voting for this resolution we are in no way prejudicing our freedom of action on any proposals that may come before this Council in regard to the Salaries and Business Tax," declared the Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale, speaking at yesterday's meeting of Legislative Council.

Earlier, the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall C.M.G., moving the adoption of the Select Committee's Report on the Financial Estimates, revealed that on the Committee's recommendations the estimate of revenue was unchanged and the estimate of expenditure increased by about \$300,000.

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1947-48, incorporating the amendments of the Select Committee, were then read a third time and approved.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, moving the adoption of the Select Committee's Report, said: "The unofficial discussions which took place between the unofficial members and the Hon. Financial Secretary and myself in the previous few days have enabled the Select Committee to present the official report this afternoon. I trust that the Committee's recommendations are clearly set out in the report.

"The net effect of these recommendations is to leave unchanged the estimate of revenue and to increase the estimate of expenditure by about \$300,000. This sum is largely taking into the current expenditure from the last schedule.

"Apart from these transfers the only significant alteration is the recommended reduction of half a million dollars under provision 19 for the relief of destitute persons. This recommendation results from the conviction expressed by several members of the Committee that relief expenditure must somehow be checked and that continued efforts must be made to confine the weight of the Colony's generosity primarily to its own citizens. In this connection Council will no doubt be glad to hear that in the past year the number of persons receiving free meals was reduced by a process of regular scrutiny and inspection from 25,000 to 6,000. The number in relief camps, by a similar process of scrutiny, was brought down from 3,500 to 500 at the end of the year. Many of these persons were, of course, Hong Kong people.

"During yesterday's debate a number of other points concerning medical matters were raised by honourable members, and no doubt Council will in due course welcome further information on this point.

Lingnan University

"I would like to mention here the unanimous desire to mark the continuation of friendly relations between Lingnan University in Canton and the Colony. This desire is embodied in the recommendation to make the University a grant of \$30,000 from the public funds of Hong Kong.

"I have said that the Committee recommends no alteration in the estimates of revenue; and so it will be quite wrong of me to convey any impression that at any stage and on any occasion during our deliberations our honourable friend the Financial Secretary was accused of over-optimism. The Committee has been content to leave the figures of the revenue unaltered.

"Before I take my seat I would like to pay tribute to my honourable friend the Financial Secretary and myself to the co-operation and help we have had from the unofficial colleagues on the Select Committee. I am sure also that their part my honourable friends would also wish me to express their appreciation of all the work the Financial Secretary and his assistants put into the preparation of this Budget.

"An Exciting Life" "My honourable friend had led an exciting life during the last three weeks. The able memorandum which he presented in debate. This I did not

Property Allocation Statement

A statement on the allocation and rate of release of requisitioned property was laid on the table at yesterday's meeting of Legislative Council.

The statement said:— At the beginning of September, 1946, 584 premises were under requisition by the Quarantine Authority. Of these 491 were in use by the Services and 93 by the Government.

In conformity with their assurance to make an equitable allocation of this property between the Services, the Government and the civilian population, the authorities have continued every effort over the last six months to achieve a fairer distribution.

At the end of February this year, as a result of these activities, the 584 premises in question have been re-allocated as follows: 262 have been de-requisitioned and released for civilian use; the Services holding has been reduced to 254; and the Government retains 68 premises, about half of which is domestic property. It is not known how many of the 262 properties released to civilians have been occupied respectively by Chinese and Europeans.

The Quarantine Authority hopes to maintain de-requisition at a rate of about 35 premises per month for some months until properties under requisition drop to 20 in number. Beyond that figure great difficulty is foreseen and the rate of de-requisition is expected to slow down very materially.

22nd of March, 16,121 passengers arrived in Kowloon from Canton and intermediate stations, the vast majority from Canton itself. (Continued on page 10 col. 4)

Can't Get Answer, M.P.'s Complaint

London, Mar. 27. Sir Waldron Smithers, Con., in a letter to "The Times" today complained that the Minister of Food, Mr. Strachey, refused to answer his questions on prices paid abroad for bulk purchases of food and fodder, prices charged the British public and profit or loss to taxpayers.

"The letter said 'I give three instances. They come from reliable sources... I challenge Mr. Strachey to say to what extent they are in accordance with truth. I do not know.

"1. Was there a difference of £40,000,000 between the price paid by the Argentine Government to their growers and the price charged the British Government on the recent purchase of oil seeds?

"2. Did the Argentine Government, by law the only buyer, purchase from its growers 500,000 tons of wheat at about £12 a ton and charge the British Government £34 a ton?

"3. Is it true that, recently representatives of Argentine sellers of linseed offered a quantity to private firms at 65s a ton and the deal was suddenly taken over by the two Governments with the result that Britain paid some say, £135 a ton and others £175 a ton?

"Further questions were not permitted. I can raise the matter in debate. This I did not

NO EATING HOUSE PROBERS

With reference to the statements which have appeared to the effect that investigators of the Inland Revenue Department have been sent to inspect Eating Houses, Hotels, Eating Houses, Money Changers, Pawnbrokers, etc., the Commissioner of Inland Revenue wishes it to be known that no such investigators have been sent out by him. A representative of the Commissioner who is required to call upon any person for any reason will be provided with a letter of authority. The public are warned to be on their guard against persons who may falsely represent themselves to be acting on behalf of the Commissioner and are asked to co-operate by reporting to the Police any attempt by unauthorized persons to obtain information or entry in this manner.

"Yunnan" Master Fined

Sydney, Mar. 28. Captain Francis Booth, skipper of the British ship "Yunnan" (2,812 tons) was today fined £1,400 for bringing in 14 prohibited Chinese immigrants to Australia as stowaways.

Captain Booth said that he did not realise that the Chinese, who had paid their passage but had no landing permits, would be classified as "stowaways."

The hearing of other charges against the owners, the China Navigation Company, were adjourned.—Reuter.

EARTHQUAKE

Rome, Mar. 28. A severe earthquake tremor was felt in Palermo today according to the Italian News Agency. A shock was also reported from Sicily, 45 miles west of Palermo.

No damage has been reported so far but the tremors rattled windows and caused doors to fly open.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

A weak anticyclone has again been established over China. A depression is moving eastward to the south of Japan and deepening. Pressure is lowest over the Kuriels.

Today's Forecast: Light N or variable winds, probably freshening somewhat from NE; fair and warm with mist or haze.

Yesterday's Weather:— Maximum: 70.0 deg. F. Minimum: 53.2 deg. F. Sunshine: 10.7 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total since January 1: 16.1 mm. as against an average of 16.2 mm.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Bar. at sea: 1017.8 1016.7 m.h. Bar. at land: 1017.8 1016.7 m.h. Rel. Humidity: 77 66 % Dew Point: 67 64 deg. F. Wind Direction: WNW W by N Wind Force: 2 2 knots.

Tokyo, Mar. 28. In a letter to Shigeru Yoshida, Japanese Premier, the Allied Supreme Commander, General Douglas MacArthur, today warned him that unless determined measures were taken immediately by the Japanese Government, inflation, with its attendant maldistribution of food, retarding of industrial recovery and hampering of social progress would be certain.—Reuter.

Commodity Rises "Facts about the rise in other commodities are instructive because bulk purchases are the major factors.

"Copper—average price in 1938 £40 15s; price in 1947 (Feb. 28) £127 per ton. "Lead—average price in 1938 £16 2s 8d; 1947 price, £70 per ton. "Tin—average price in 1938 £188 12s; 1947 price, £200 per ton. —United Press.

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INTERVIEW WITH NEW GOVERNOR

San Francisco, Mar. 28. Sir Alexander Grant-Ham, newly appointed Governor of Hong Kong, believes the Chinese can profit immensely by forgetting wartime differences and co-operating with Japanese scientists, he said during a stop-over here en route to London.

He also believes Hong Kong will remain British.

He said there are many well-trained technicians among the Japanese, who can be constructively useful in their respective fields with beneficial results to the Chinese as well as themselves.

Sir Alexander's wife, former Maureen Sansom of Piedmont, California, is with him. They are going to London before he takes over the post.

Sir Alexander said he saw no particular reason to worry over the troubled world situation of the moment.

"I don't think there will be a threat of war in a foreseeable future. No country wants it. And if we examine our positions today compared with twelve months ago we will see that a great deal of progress can be made in material co-operation."

"Very Bad Way"

Sir Alexander goes to Hong Kong from Fiji. He is convinced the Colony always will remain a British Colony, he said, because even the Chinese desire it. He said the war left the island in a "very bad way" but its rehabilitation is one of those things which will just have to work itself out.

He said one of the greatest problems of the moment is what to do with destitute refugees. It is physically impossible to keep them out, he said. Even if moral considerations did not enter, "they have to be taken care of. Otherwise, they threaten the peace, security and health of the regular inhabitants," he declared.—Associated Press.

New Delhi, Mar. 28. The Viceroy of India, Lord Mountbatten, and Pandit Nehru, Vice-President of the Indian Union Government, will each receive delegates to the All-Asia Relations Conference here today, says the New Delhi radio.—Reuter.

Peshawar, Mar. 28. Five thousand Frontier tribesmen, meeting at Jamrud, the eastern gateway to the Khyber Pass, in their annual Jirga (representative assembly) today demanded that when Britain left India "the Khyber Pass should be returned to us."—Reuter.

It points to the Chinese method of bookkeeping, forecasts corruption of tax inspectors and requests Government to withdraw the measure.

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United Press.

FINDERS KEEPERS?

Moscow, March 27. The Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" today accused Britain and the United States of having taken more than \$10,000,000,000 in reparations from Germany—the total which the Soviet Union is demanding. Referring to the reparations discussions concerning gold at the Council of Foreign Ministers, "Pravda" declares: "It is true that General George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, says that the United States has not taken ownership rights to the gold seized by them, but is only 'keeping' it. But the gold has been in British and American hands for almost two years."—Reuter.

Petition Against Direct Tax

In a petition sent to Chinese members of Legislative Council, for submission to Government, the Hong Kong and Kowloon Chinese Anti-Direct Tax Introduction Commission explains its opposition to income tax.

The petition says that the income tax proposals cannot be regarded as having been approved by public opinion and that direct taxation without the right to vote is contrary to the "British spirit of rule by law."

The Chinese Commission states that direct taxation will aggravate the already heavy burden of the salary and wage earner, will increase the chance of loss for businessmen and will add difficulties to the contracting of loans when interest is subject to taxation.

The petition says that direct taxation was not found practicable in 1939 and is even less so today, when the Colony has not yet recovered from the war.

It points to the Chinese method of bookkeeping, forecasts corruption of tax inspectors and requests Government to withdraw the measure.

Further Economy The report recommended further economy in the application of Government funds toward the provision of relief for destitute persons and recommended reduction of the appropriation under this subhead from \$1,500,000 to \$1,000,000.

With regard to the Prisons Department, the Committee recommended increase in the establishment of temporary Portuguese and Chinese warders to staff the new Reformatory.

The report revealed that the Committee approved in principle but wished to have fuller information on the proposal to provide free milk and vitamin biscuits to school children. It was agreed that the Committee would ask the Honourable Director of Medical Services and the Director of Education for a comprehensive report on the subject.

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Select Committee Report Recommends Increase In Expenditure

The report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending March 31, 1948, recommended an increase of expenditure from \$109,488,433 to \$109,834,355, reducing the surplus on revenue from \$351,317 to \$5,395.

Additional expenditure with regard to the Colonial Secretariat and Legislature was recommended to provide for the rent, maintenance and upkeep of a Hollerith machine and the local appointment of a Hollerith Supervisor and subordinate staff.

With recommended provision for temporary staff to deal with the Exchange Control in order to provide a more efficient organization in this department and other adjustments, the Committee recommended an increase of expenditure under this head from \$470,048 to \$555,030.

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Higher Taxes Necessary And Can Be Afforded

It was stated that there was a need for higher taxation in the Colony, and that he approved in general of some form of taxation such as that proposed in the Land Revenue Ordinance—or income tax—was stated by the Hon. Mr. A. Morse C.B.E., Chairman and Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, yesterday.

ried forward to next year. The fact that we will be required to know that we now have thirty-nine offices, including agencies, in operation, while we have recovered possession of two more which have not yet been opened. Seven private clubs are still open, and we have now opened new ones in Moscow and Antwerp. In Paris we have a large number of clubs, and we are now in a position to have a large number of clubs in the city.

I am fully satisfied with the progress we have made in Vietnam during the past year and staff have done sterling work in this promising area.

China Situation

The political situation in Northland has moved at

has been pillaged in a disaster way and it may take decades to restore it to its former condition. Nor has Formosa yet come up to expectations. In 1989 the island had an export surplus of U.S. \$1.1 billion while its vice and war exports alone amounted to more than U.S. \$100 million.

damaged and where conditions continue abnormal. I have agreed to wire and child joining their husbands as quickly as passage can be found. The cost of maintaining our children the East has as a result been considerable, but I am sure will agree that worries are

liminary or all the vast scope of experiments that the next generation will see, will be partly ill-informed and uncoordinated. The Bank has its home in all countries of this area. It stands outside of political or personal interests; it has a call upon men of high-trained ability; it co-

(Representatives of the
Society of Canton) T. M. Gregor,
H. Owen Hughes, J. Y. V. Hume,
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G. Leung, Leung Fatin,
MacGregor, J. A. D. Morrison,
A. Pollock, D. L. (Preston),
Rosa, D. Ruttenfoss, J. H. Ruttenfoss,
188, Dr. J. H. Shaw, A. Semmes

D. Gillespie and Mr. C. H. Mears were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Peat Marwick Main & Co. and Messrs. Lane, Birnie & Matthews were reappointed directors on the motion of the Mr. T. N. Chisholm, seconded by P. S. Cassidy.

London, Mar. 27.
Silver, Spot, per fine oz 45d. Forward

Industrials 152.6, Kaffirs 101.2, Hoes
Rais 97.2, Commodity 815.3, -Hawter.

W. A. Stewart, Wong-Chi-po, E. Harden, F. E. Tonnies, (renewing) Societe de Missionnaires) Mr. E. B. Stanton and Mrs. G. E. Marden.

On the motion of Mr. S. Williamson, seconded by Mr. F. MacGregory, the Hon. Mr. D. Gillespie and Mr. G. Mackenzie, were elected to the Board.

Messrs. Peas, Marden, Williamson and Gillespie, having been elected, the President, Mr. D. Gillespie, then presided over the meeting, and the following resolutions were passed:

That Mr. N. Chinn, secretary, be elected.

That Mr. C. G. G. be elected.

TENANCY PROCLAMATION

Criticism At Estate Company Meeting

"Serious Problem" For Landlords

"At present the general expenses borne by the real estate companies have proved to be many times heavier than those before the war. This, together with the cost of repairs necessitated by damages by the war, is a serious problem with which they are faced," said Mr. Leung Kwai-tin, Chairman of Chinese Estates Ltd., at the Annual General Meeting of shareholders yesterday.

Mr. Leung added: "It is earnestly to be hoped that Government will at an early date make amendments to the Landlords and Tenants Proclamation."

Proposing the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, Mr. Leung said:—

"The net profit for the year, after providing for reserve for depreciation on China Building, (\$50,000.00), directors' and auditors' fees, and all expenses, amounts to \$131,707.59, which, added to \$11,709.24 brought forward from last account, shows a total of \$143,416.83.

"The results of our operations in the year under review are gratifying, the income from rents reaching the figure of \$344,818.00. But, in spite of the strictest economy, our expenditure shows an excess over that of all previous years owing to the high cost of materials and labour. Extensive structural repairs and renewals are required on China Building as the result of damage caused by the war, and of the fact that these works had to be unavoidably delayed for several years. So far only those that were most necessary have been effected, and much has yet to be done, involving heavy expenditure."

Increased Fees

"As no provision has been made in the last four years for reserve for depreciation on China Building, your Directors have decided to allocate to this item the sum of \$50,000. Now that normal conditions have returned and with a view to making up for the deficiency of the past, they consider it prudent to strengthen their reserves to such an extent as our financial position permits."

"The item 'directors' and auditors' fees' shows an increase of \$3,575 over that of the preceding year. The revision of the auditor's fee is in accordance with the new scale of charges laid down by the Auditors' Association to meet prevailing economic conditions. The proposed increase to the directors' fees by \$500 a year each is due to the facts that ever since the incorporation of the company 25 years ago the fees have remained unchanged, that cost of living has increased manyfold as compared with that obtaining before the war; and that the work of the directors has become heavier and more onerous since the outbreak of the war. Your directors feel therefore that the present fee of \$500 a year is not commensurate with prevailing conditions. As, however, the matter concerns themselves personally, they would leave it to your decision when the report and accounts come before you presently for adoption."

Cost Of Repairs

"An interim dividend of \$4 a share has already been paid, and your directors are now pleased to recommend a final dividend of \$4 a share, making in all \$8 a share for the year. The total amount of dividends for the year is less than that declared in the two or three years immediately preceding the war. It should, however, be remembered that many repairs and renewals have yet to be effected. Indeed, had the cost required for such work been set aside, we would not have been able to declare even the dividend we now propose."

"At present the general expenses borne by the real estate companies have proved to be many times heavier than those before the war. This, together with the cost of repairs necessitated by damages caused by the war, is a serious problem with which they are faced."

"It seems that in determining the terms of the Landlords and Tenants Proclamation, the Government omitted to give consideration to the prevailing price-level and to the position of the landlord. It is earnestly to be hoped that the Government will at an early date make amendments to the Proclamation on an equitable basis."

"After payment of the final dividend which absorbs \$60,000, there will be a balance of \$31,596.83, which your directors propose, with your approval, to carry forward to the new account."

"I wish on behalf of the Company to express sincere thanks to the Secretary and the other members of the staff for their good work during the year."

Unbiased Views

Seconding the motion for the adoption of the accounts, Mr. Fung Shing-hong said:—

"I am sure you are voicing the sentiment of all shareholders when I say that it is due to the wise guidance of our directors

and the loyal support of the staff that this company has been able to pass through the difficult times of the war, and is working under normal conditions. To them, shareholders, owe a great debt of gratitude. As to the proposed increase in the Directors' fees, I am of the opinion that conditions of today are not the same as those of twenty years ago, and that in view of the increased work and responsibilities of our directors, the figure cannot be said to be adequate. I therefore strongly support the proposal which is very fair."

"The Chairman has expressed his view on the inequitable terms of the Landlords and Tenants Proclamation. I fully share his views which are totally unbiased, and I share the Chairman's strong hope that the Government will at an early date amend the Proclamation so as to accord fair treatment to the landlords and tenants."

After the report and statement of accounts had been adopted, Messrs. Fung Pin-fan, Leung Ting-ki and Li Ka-ze were re-elected directors. Mr. Li Tung was re-elected auditor.

New Blast From Moscow

Radio Moscow charged today that "diehard reactionaries" in the United States House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee have launched a drive against sections of American labour to "pave the way for an expansionist programme outlined in President Truman's recent foreign policy speech."

Commentator Oasspov claimed that the Committee members, whom he termed "100 per cent diehard reactionaries," are ignoring the "reviving activity of Fascist organisations."

He said it was only necessary to subscribe to Henry Wallace's magazine "New Republic" to "get yourself listed as a Communist.... The Republican Party appears to intend to use the Red scare in preparation for the presidential elections."

The broadcast also claimed that the Committee, "inspired by big business," had introduced a bill in Congress to "convert the Federal Bureau of Investigation into a self-governing body endowed with the same powers as the German Gestapo."

Swedish-Soviet Dispute

Stockholm, Mar. 27. Dr. Gunnar Myrdal, Swedish Minister for Trade, announced today that the Soviet Union had asked certain Swedish firms to pay for their imports from Russia in dollars.

The Swedish Government would take the matter up with the Soviet Trade Representative in Sweden, he said, since the Swedish-Soviet trade agreement provided for all payments in Swedish crowns.

"There is no need to link these incidents with our import restrictions nor to presume they mean any Russian lack of confidence in the Swedish crown," he declared—Reuter.

Sugar Ration To End

Washington, Mar. 28. The Senate voted 45 to 35 today to end sugar rationing on October 31.

It also decided that this year's allotment should be 35 lb. per person for home use. The allotment for last year was 25 lb.

The prewar consumption was about 50 lb. The action to end the rationing came with the acceptance of an amendment to the bill to extend the present sugar controls one year beyond the expiration date of next Monday.

FUR HAUL

London, Mar. 28. A well-organised gang of fur thieves stole \$10,000 worth of pelts and coats from the fashionable Dickins and Jones store early today.

The police theorised that a woman posing as a patron "caused" the fur department and drove a detailed plan, which was used during the robbery. The thieves gained entrance with a skeleton key and loaded their loot into a truck.—United Press.

A Fighting Parson

London, Mar. 27. A pen portrait of the Rev. Michael Scott, who was convicted in Johannesburg on Tuesday for living among natives without a permit, was published in the News Chronicle, the leading Liberal newspaper, today.

A drawing of the 40-year-old parson once the curate of fashionable Kensington Parish and earmarked for an early bishopric, looked across a five-column tribute with the sub-heading "The Parson Who Always Fights for the Underdog."

The article described how Kensington parishioners of 15 years ago took him enthusiastically to their bosoms until they found that his sermons "instead of giving them soothing syrup which they expected, were challenges, onslaughts on their hearts and consciences."

When they felt they could no longer put up with him, the Rev. Scott reached the same opinion about them and transferred to a poverty-stricken part in the East End of London. It was there that writer Jane Orme met him.

"The climax came" with the humber crash of 1934 when Father Michael was approached for hospitality for the women's contingent. He installed camp beds in his small workman's cottage and the sensation this caused in the parish and the allegations of immorality resulting from a single young curate harbouring 30 women resulted in another climax.

"Father Michael, still bitten by the bug to make things better for his fellow men, went off to India as, I think, chaplain to the Bishop of Bombay."

Now he has bobbed up in South Africa. It makes one very humble when one thinks of him now in an African court.

"There is a popular idea that men of noble stature are not being bred these days; don't you believe it. They are—if you look hard enough."—Reuter.

Paulette's Hair In Terrible Mess

London, Mar. 26. Paulette Goddard sashayed across the lobby of her fashionable West End Hotel today, her dark tresses littered with curlers and a brown scarf over her head. "My hair is in a terrible mess at the moment," she remarked.

And because of her topknot—or rather, the person who cares for it—more than 1,000 persons are idle and the US\$2,000,000 Alexander Korda technicolour production "An Ideal Husband" was held up for the second day.

The 24 make-up artists who struck in protest against Miss Goddard's American hairdresser, (Swedish-born Hedvig Mjorud) were scheduled to meet tonight to hear a report from their Union Secretary, Tom O'Brien.

Orders for Paulette and for Diana Wynyard, Michael Wild-lynd and other British players to report to the set were cancelled today and a studio spokesman said he did not know whether work would be resumed tomorrow.

Labour Permit

O'Brien, General Secretary of the National Association of Theatrical and Kine Employees, said discussions were under way with "appropriate American representatives" to authorize an exchange of personnel. Miss Mjorud, a member of an American Union, had a Ministry of Labour permit to work in England.

British union hairdressers walked off the set at 9 a.m. yesterday as Miss Goddard's hair just set by Mjorud—walked on. They said they objected to a "foreigner" dressing hair in a union shop. Work was stopped at the entire studio, which is located at Shepperton, 10 miles west of London.

Mjorud has dressed Miss Goddard's hair for four years. Paulette said, "ever since she found me and showed me how my hair should be done."—United Press.

Berlin Paper Suspended

Berlin, Mar. 26. The Soviet licensed Berlin newspaper "Berlin Am Mittag" has been suspended for three days and fined 5,000 marks (\$125) for attacking M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister.

The article, according to the official Soviet newspaper, "Tagliche Rundschau" today, "insulted" M. Bidault by referring to the statement by the Minister, declaring France's willingness to absorb a portion of Germany's surplus population as "a false theory."

The action appeared to be on direct Russian initiative. Official circles said that there had been no French protest over the article.—Reuter.

Scientists' Latest Pleasantry

Berkeley, Cal. Mar. 28. A scientist who saw Nagasaki atom-bombed raises the possibility that future war might produce a radioactive mustard gas which could turn cities into deserted cemeteries.

Dr. Philip Morrison, Cornell University physicist and one of the three scientists who flew on the atomic bombing mission of Nagasaki, says that mustard gas could be made doubly poisonous by radioactivity. It would cling to the surfaces of the city and drive everyone from the city "for many months or years."

Morrison, addressing a conference on the control of atomic energy, said the construction of an underground bomb shelter to protect civilians from atomic bombs would be futile. Atomic bombs could be made to explode not only under the sea but also beneath the earth's surface.

He pointed out that super-atomic bombs could be made from light elements such as hydrogen or helium and they would be "many thousands of times more powerful than the bombs exploded over Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

Turning to the constructive uses of atomic energy, Morrison predicted that atomic energy would be in practical use by 1950, producing larger amounts of electrical power.—United Press.

Parasites To Be Put To Work

Paris, Mar. 27. The French Labour Minister, M. Croizat, announced today that the Government has introduced a bill in the National Assembly to draft into essential work all "parasitical elements" to meet the country's desperate need for workmen.

Croizat told a press conference that France would also use 30,000 prisoners now jailed to fill the labour deficit caused by the imminent departure of German war prisoners "which has been imposed on us by the American Government."

He said France needed 580,000 more workers and "we must recruit all persons who by virtue of their occupations—or lack of these—are classed as parasites."

"High-Flown Names"

Croizat returned on Monday from Rome where he signed the Franco-Italian immigration treaty. He said transport and other difficulties prevented the signing of large-scale immigration accords with other countries at present and "therefore these parasites and black-marketeers who call themselves specialists of commerce and

AUSTERITY AND SNOOPING

Dundee, Mar. 28. More than 1,000 Scottish housewives tonight passed a resolution declaring that they were weary of "devastating austerity" and submission to "wholly unnecessary snooping."

They called for immediate alleviation of their "almost intolerable burden" and decided to send the resolution to the Prime Minister.—United Press.

Tiny Body In Woman's Lung

Rome, Mar. 27. Vestiges of a tiny human body were discovered in the right lung of a woman operated on for a pulmonary cyst by Professor Giuseppe Lino, the eminent surgeon, today.

Explaining the phenomenon, Professor Lino said the body was "generated by certain residuary vestiges of primordial tissues from which all the various species of normal body tissues develop, such as the eyes and hair."

The name of the patient was not disclosed.

Professor Lino also disclosed that the "residue" had infiltrated into the patient's right lung at her birth.

He added: "we must therefore infer that the patient should have been the twin sister of another human body which developed among the tissues of her lung."

He said similar cases were known to medical science.—United Press.

U.S. Report On A Free Press

New York, Mar. 26. Freedom of the press can only continue if the Press is accountable to society, according to the university of Chicago Commission on the Freedom of the Press in a report "A Free and Responsible Press" published today.

The study is one of a series being prepared by the Commission which is financed by grants from "Time-Incorporated" and the "Encyclopedia Britannica Incorporated."

The Commission said press freedom is endangered due to the great decrease in proportion to the people who can express themselves through the press, because the Press has not provided a service adequate to the needs of society and because the Press has engaged from time to time in practices which society condemns.

The Commission recommended to the public that a new and independent agency be established to appraise and report annually upon the performance of the press. Such a body must be independent of Government and the Press.—United Press.

Soviet M.P. Delegates

London, Mar. 26. The Speaker of the House of Commons gave a dinner at his official residence tonight in honour of the Soviet parliamentary delegation now visiting Britain. Mr. Attlee and Cabinet Ministers were present.

Earlier in the day, members of the Soviet delegation were guests of the Royal Navy at Portsmouth, where they visited Nelson's flagship "Victory" and the battleship "Howe," now being used for training recruits.

Bad weather prevented a visit in motor torpedo-boats to the aircraft-carrier "Illustrious" at Spithead, where they would have seen a flying display in the Channel.—Reuter.

other high-flown names will have to be liquidated as rapidly as possible."

By parasites, he said, he meant "young people in France of whom there are many who prefer dabble in the black market, illegal trafficking in goods and monies rather than work."—United Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

EASTER RACE MEETING

Saturday 5th and Monday 7th April, 1947.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. each day.

Through numbers (10 Races—\$32) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep (\$2.00) on the last race on the second day, 7th April.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all clubs, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close each day at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By ORDER
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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"Strathmore" Arrival Arrangements

The S.S. "Strathmore," carrying some 650 passengers for Hong Kong, is expected to berth at Kowloon Wharf on April 1. The exact date will be published later.

U.S. Medal For H.K. Nurse

At the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday, Capt. F. S. Stith, U.S. Navy, Senior Officer Present Afloat, on behalf of the United States, presented to Miss Helen Gordon Grant, S.R.N., S.C.M., Senior Nursing Sister, of the Hong Kong Government Medical Service, the Bronze Star Medal.

Making the presentation, Capt. Stith said: "We are gathered here to do honour to a valiant lady who has honoured us in a far greater measure than we can ever hope to repay. For what she did we can only express our thanks and acknowledge the everlasting debt we shall owe her."

"For three long, hopeless, dismal years she was held a prisoner by a vicious enemy. For her and her fellow prisoners, those bleak years must forever remain a nightmare which the passage of time cannot hope to erase. "Despite the privations and sufferings, Miss Grant kept to her appointed tasks, healing the wounded and suffering. Her selfless devotion to duty was an inspiration to all of her fellow prisoners. Her dauntless spirit rekindled the flickering flame of life in many a breast ravaged by starvation and the attendant weakness and pain. To them she will forever remain a sister of mercy."

"In their name, my Government and my Country humbly thank her. In small token of the esteem and deep appreciation for her valiant efforts the President of the United States presents Miss Grant the Bronze Star Medal."

Citation

Capt. Stith then read the following citation:

"For heroic achievement as a Volunteer Nurse serving with the Naval Hospital Unit at Canacao in the Philippine Islands during the period of invasion and imprisonment by enemy Japanese forces from March 11, 1942, to February 27, 1945. Steadfast and courageous throughout the long, hazardous period of internment. Miss Grant rendered tireless and half-sacrificing service in nursing the ill and caring for the needs of prisoners, performing her arduous and voluntary tasks in ready compliance with military discipline. When the unit was under Japanese fire she gallantly remained at her post and by her skill, unfailing sympathy and resolute fortitude in the face of exceptional hardships and privations served as an inspiration to both patients and nurses and aided greatly in sustaining morale."

D.M.S. Replies

Replying on behalf of Miss Grant, Dr. Selwyn-Clarke said: "It is my privilege to express to the President of the United States of America, through the Senior Naval Officer present afloat, her very deep appreciation of the honour conferred upon her."

"Sister Grant wishes me to say that the honour and pleasure is greatly enhanced by the presentation to her of the Bronze Star Medal by Capt. Stith. Sister Grant feels, as we all do, very much indebted to Capt. Stith and his fellow officers for the trouble they have gone to this afternoon."

"Sister Grant wishes me, also, to express her thanks to the American Consul General, Mr. Hopper; to Mr. Brookhart, the Consul and the Consular staff; Surgeon Captain Keating, and his staff; and to all those who have graced this ceremony with their presence."

"Sister Grant is anxious that Lieut-Commander Cobb and her sisters of the United States Navy should be informed, how much she enjoyed working with them during the trying days of the Japanese occupation of Manila. She greatly appreciated being allowed to return to the United States with the American sailors who were rescued by the following home."

"Dr. Selwyn-Clarke concluded by saying that he wished to convey his thanks and deep

Residents here who have relatives, and/or friends on the passenger list and who are able to make private arrangements for their accommodation are specially requested to notify Mr. P.F.J. Earley, at Room 236B, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, Telephone 30211 and 20362, of the names and addresses of these passengers. The office will be open until 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 29.

Owing to a serious shortage of hotel and boarding house accommodation, it is urged that where private accommodation can be arranged for the expected arrivals, this should be done.

Relatives and/or friends wishing to board the Strathmore after berthing should apply to Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie, P. & O. Building, for the necessary permit. Only one permit per passenger will be issued in order to avoid overcrowding.

Arrangements have been made whereby passengers for Hong Kong with their hand baggage may board a vessel at the wharf where the Strathmore is berthed and will be landed at Queen's Pier, Hong Kong. Heavy baggage will be placed in Kowloon Godown No. 51 and may be collected later.

Owners of private transport who wish to meet passengers should apply to Mr. P.F.J. Earley at the above office for a card to admit vehicle to the reserved parking space near the Kowloon Wharf Gate and/or adjacent to Queen's Pier, Hong Kong.

Motor transport will be available at both Queen's Pier and Kowloon Wharf Gate to deliver passengers and their hand baggage to the place of accommodation. These vehicles will have a number affixed to the wind screen which will correspond to the number shown on the bill of lading cards to be handed to passengers prior to the ship berthing at Kowloon Wharf.

Shanghai, Mar. 28. The former Japanese Lieut. General Shoichi Tanaka, Japanese supreme commander until the war's end, was executed by a firing squad at 3 p.m. yesterday at Canton, according to a Chinese dispatch.

Before he was shot, Tanaka was placed on a truck and driven through the city streets in accordance with the old Chinese custom of "display" of a condemned criminal. Tanaka was sentenced to death twice—by the United States military court in Shanghai for the execution of a 14th Air Force flier whose plane was shot down in Hong Kong in January 1945 and by the Chinese court for atrocities and conniving drug sales in South China—United Press.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Waterworks Office

Applications are invited for the following posts in the Waterworks Office:—

(1) ASSISTANT LAND SURVEYORS. Applicants should be experienced in making and plotting surveys, preferably by tachometric methods, levelling, and setting out for new works.

(2) DRAUGHTSMEN. Applicants should be capable of making neat drawings or tracings, and preferably have some knowledge of detailing for structural work.

Salaries would depend upon qualifications and experience, and applicants are requested to submit full details and salary required to

The Waterworks Engineer, Waterworks Office, St. George's Building, Hong Kong, 28th March, 1947.

NOTICE

War Crimes desires to get in touch with Mr. J. MacDonald, formerly of 319 Lanchuk Road, Kowloon. The above-mentioned is believed to have been a member of the Royal Scots Regiment and was, during the war years, interned in Campa 19D, Tokyo, and 2B, Kawasaki, Japan.

Will anyone having knowledge of the whereabouts of Mr. J. MacDonald kindly communicate with Lt. C. C. Brett, War Crimes Investigation Unit, Hong Kong, Telephone No. 34048.

Hong Kong, 26th March, 1947.

HONGKONG NURSES BOARD

MAY-JUNE EXAMINATIONS

Application forms for the above examinations are now available to candidates who should apply to the undersigned.

Completed forms must be returned not later than 1st May 1947.

E. M. HILL, Secretary, Nurses Board, Hong Kong, 25th March, 1947.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS No. 9 of 1947

IN THE MATTER of the Tung On Steamship Company Limited

and

IN THE MATTER of the Companies Ordinance 1932

NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong dated the 26th day of March 1947 confirming the reduction of the capital of the abovesaid Company from \$2,000,000 to \$1,250,000 and the Minute approved by the Court were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 26th day of March, 1947. And further take Notice that the said Minute is in the words and figures following:

MINUTE

The capital of the Tung On Steamship Company Limited is \$1,250,000 divided into 25,000 shares of \$50 each. Instead of \$2,000,000 divided into 25,000 shares of \$80 each. At the date of registration of this Minute each share is to be deemed to be fully paid up.

Dated the 26th day of March, 1947.

WOO & WOO, Prince's Building, Hong Kong, Solicitors for the Company.

Service Auctioneers, Auctioneers, Surveyors, Valuers, and Appraisers, 100, Queen's Road, Hong Kong, Telephone No. 1000.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

Sale of the Water Boat Hung Lee No. 1

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate which should be clearly marked "Tenders for Purchase of the Water Boat Hung Lee No. 1" will be received at the Harbour Office until noon on Monday the 14th April, 1947.

2. The vessel will be sold as it lies in Yaumati Typhoon Shelter, and arrangements to view should be made direct with the Superintendent, Engineer, Government Slipway, Yaumati. (Telephone No. 58960).

3. The approximate dimensions are as follows:—

Length: 95.7' Breadth: 24.9' Depth: 10.4' Built: 1893 Reg. Tons: 138.34 Wood Construction. Machinery aft. Single Screw. Compound Steam Engine.

4. Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

(sd) J. JOLLY, Harbour Master.

Harbour Department, Hong Kong, 24th March, 1947.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS 1940

It is hereby notified that qualified analytical chemists and other persons who desire to practice as "approved persons" within the meaning of Part 1 Para 2 (9) of the Dangerous Goods Regulations, 1940, are requested to register their names with the Principal Surveyor of Ships, Harbour Department. The applicants should give full particulars of their technical qualifications and provide complete details of the apparatus which they intend to use.

J. JOLLY, Harbour Master, Hong Kong, 26th March, 1947.

NOTICE

PRE-WAR HOLDERS OF THE UNDERMENTIONED SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES ARE REQUESTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CUSTODIAN OF PROPERTY, WINDSOR HOUSE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

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CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS AND KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAYS,

BRITISH SECTION

JOINT RAILWAYS TENDER BOARD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in TRIPPLICATE which should be clearly marked "Tender for Erection of 47 nos. of 2-8-0 Locomotives with tenders" will be received at the offices of the Kowloon Canton Railway, British Section, until 3.00 p.m. of Monday 31st March, 1947.

The locomotives with tenders will be required to be assembled on railway tracks at Hung Hom.

Full particulars may be obtained on application to the Mechanical Engineer, Kowloon Canton Railway Workshops, Hung Hom on the deposit of a fee of \$500.00 with the Chief Accountant of the Railway at the Head Office of the Kowloon Canton Railway, which will be refunded on the submission of a bona fide tender. The deposit receipt must be attached to the tender. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract and give security in the sum of \$3,000.00 in cash to be deposited with the Chief Accountant of the Railway for the faithful performance of the terms of such contract.

The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

I. B. TREVOR, Chairman, Railway Tender Board.

Kowloon, 27th March, 1947.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 29th March, 1947, at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1946, and for the appointment of Auditors and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 20th day of March to 29th March, 1947 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By Order of the Board, D. S. YUAN, Chief Manager, Hong Kong, 20th March, 1947.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 4th Floor, on Monday, the 31st day of March, 1947, at 12 o'clock noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts as at 31st December, 1946, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th to the 31st day of March, 1947 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary, Hong Kong, 22nd March 1947.

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By Order of the Board of Directors, B. C. FIELD, Secretary.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

The Dividend for the year ending 31st December, 1946, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling per share, will be payable on and after the 28th March 1947 at the Offices of the Corporation where shareholders are requested to apply for warrants.

A. MORSE, Chief Manager, Hong Kong, 28th March, 1947.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 21st April, 1947, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY, 8th April, 1947, to MONDAY, 21st April, 1947, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, B. C. FIELD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th March, 1947.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

PROPOSED ISSUE OF NEW SHARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT it is the present intention of the Board of Directors of the above Company in accordance with the terms of the Special Resolution passed on the 26th day of May, 1928, to offer as soon as possible after the 21st day of April, 1947, 100,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$25.00 each being the present undivided capital of the Company (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of three shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the 21st day of April, 1947, are registered in the Company's share register as the holders of the 300,000 issued shares in the capital of the Company at a premium of \$25.00 per share and so that on the acceptance of the offer the nominal amount due in respect of each such new share plus the said premium of \$25.00 per share (making \$50.00 per share) shall be payable in full.

The offer will be made by Notice sent by post to each shareholder specifying the number of shares to which the shareholder is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted either on behalf of such shareholder or his nominee will be deemed to be declined.

The offer of new shares to shareholders whose registered address is in the Far East must be accepted on or before the 30th day of June, 1947, and the offer to shareholders registered as resident elsewhere must be accepted on or before the 30th day of September, 1947, and such new shares when allotted will rank for dividend as on and from the 1st day of July, 1947, and the 1st day of October, 1947, respectively.

Any of the shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid shall be disposed of in such manner and at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

No shareholder shall be entitled to claim for a fraction of an additional share in respect of any odd issued share held by him.

By Order of the Board of Directors, B. C. FIELD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th March, 1947.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per S.S. "BENRINNES"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, at 10 a.m., on 31st March, 1947.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd April will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 10th April, 1947, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

W. R. LOKLEY & CO. (CHINA), LTD., Agents, Rep. Lin Shing Ltd., Hong Kong, 28th March, 1947.

NOTICE

Proposal to Change of Ship's Names.

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Programme On Road From War

Washington, Mar. 27. The U.S. War Secretary, Robert Patterson, declared today: "In my opinion the tendency of the measure to provide aid to Greece and Turkey is not in the direction of 'war but away from it.'"

He was appearing before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee which is discussing President Truman's proposal of a \$400,000,000 loan to aid Greece and Turkey.

One member asked: "Assuming that we are seeking to stop aggression by Russia in the Balkans, is there any place where the money asked for in this bill could be used more advantageously?"

Mr. Patterson: "The area is of strategic importance and of great value and the money spent there will not be misdirected."

Replying to the proposal advanced by another committee member that the United States might consider "guaranteeing the Turkish frontiers instead," Mr. Patterson said he thought such a step would not be as effective as the aid programme.

Although the United States Government was without detailed knowledge of the Turkish military establishment as compared with that of Greece, a military mission of only 10 to 20 persons was contemplated as in the case of Greece, Mr. Patterson said.—Reuter.

CYPRIOIS WANT UNION

Nicosia, Mar. 27. Slogans demanding the union of Cyprus with Greece, greeted Lord Winstler, the new Governor of Cyprus, when he arrived here today in a Royal Air Force "Dakota."

Greek villagers lined the road from the airport waving banners and flags and shouting these slogans:

A large crowd of Turks gathered in the central square here and cheered the new Governor.—Reuter.

Lake Success, N.Y., Mar. 27. Paul Hunsuck, Australian representative on the United Nations Security Council, has resigned. It was authoritatively learned tonight.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S PLANNER To Develop Long-Term Scheme Making Best Use Of Manpower

London, Mar. 27. Britain's chief industrial planner is to be 40-years old Sir Edwin Plowden who served during the war as Chief Executive in the Ministry of Aircraft Production. The creation of the post of "Chief Planning Officer" to supervise the Government's inter-departmental planning staff, was announced recently in Parliament.

The Prime Minister told the House of Commons today that the inter-departmental planning staff's primary task would be to develop a long-term plan for the use of the country's manpower and resources.

Their approach must be a practical one, he added, and both sides of industry would be kept in touch with the progress of the planning.

Sir Edwin would work directly under the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Herbert Morrison, who has general charge of the Government's economic programme and would have access to all the ministers concerned with production.

Mr. Atlee said that the decisions on steps for increased production would be made by Cabinet and not by the Chief Planning Officer. The responsibility for these decisions must of course reside wholly with the ministers. Further it would, of course, be a mistake to assume that the present difficulties of under-production could be solved by planning alone—a re-

Not A Substitute

The planning in itself was no substitute for increased effort and efficiency, which were essential for Britain's national prosperity.

Sir Robert Sinclair, who is also a former chief executive of the wartime Ministry of Aircraft Production, has agreed to act as industrial consultant to Sir Edwin in the initial stages.

Sir Edwin Plowden is the director of a chemical, iron and steel firm, and was knighted in the last birthday honours list.—Reuter.

Rationing Is Out

London, Mar. 27. Outlining some of the Government measures to build up coal stocks to 15 million tons by Nov. 1, the Prime Minister announced in the House today that there would be restrictions on the use of gas and electricity for heating rooms in residential premises during the summer.

He also said that the existing prohibition of the use of electricity for cooking and water heating during certain hours each day would be maintained with some variations and extended to gas.

Targets would be published showing each individual household and each non-essential establishment the scale of total savings they would be expected to make, both by restrictions and voluntary savings.

The Government had decided against rationing because it was complicated and difficult to implement. The estimated efficiency during the summer might be 10,000,000 tons. The Government aim at saving 2,500,000 tons of coal by domestic and non-industrial consumers during the summer. If restrictions prove insufficient, other measures, however drastic, would be taken to ensure the target was achieved.

Railway Cuts

Railway passenger services this summer would be reduced by ten per cent, giving a saving of a quarter million tons of coal. Whatever measures possible for reducing still further the export of coal for bunkering ships or other purposes would be taken and should it be possible to import coal "without unfairness to our friends in Europe" that would be done.

Declaring that 100,000,000 tons would be required during the six months up to October, Mr. Atlee said that first priority

TUC Statement

The Trades Union Congress Council today issued a statement on the Government's White Paper giving targets for industrial recovery from the war.

It criticised as too low the Government's target of 200,000,000 tons of coal for the current year, suggesting an immediate figure of 220,000,000 tons and the long-term one of 250,000,000. In general, the targets "certainly appeared low if only considered from the point of view of the obvious need of the country for a large and speedy increase in the supply of goods and services of all kinds," the statement said. But in view of the present difficulties, the need was to frame targets which could be achieved.

The General Council said that it was ready to consult the Government on the problems raised and appealed to the population to contribute their full part to a solution of Britain's economic difficulties.—Reuter.

American Controls To Go

Washington, Mar. 28. The House of Representatives voted today to scrap most of the rationing and Government controls over the use of materials.

The measure will extend to domestic allocation controls until December 31 on cinchona bark and alkaloids, antimony and streptomycin. It also retains until December 31, controls over tractors for export, materials and equipment for the expanding of foreign production of materials needed in the United States, and equipment needed to meet international obligations.

It eliminates from controls next Monday (at midnight) Manila fibre and cordage, rice, grains and grain products, imports on fats and oils, canned fish and some other products.

Separate legislation was adopted earlier this month for controls on sugar and rubber.

Earlier on Thursday, the Senate voted to continue until June 30 controls on Manila fibre and cordage, cinchona bark, streptomycin, antimony, tin, rice, fats and oils.—Associated Press.

Rebels To Be Interned

Rio De Janeiro, Mar. 27. High police authorities today said the Brazilian Government ordered the internment of two Paraguayan revolutionary leaders who arrived yesterday to present a "true picture" of the uprising.

The Paraguayans were identified as Maj. Cesar Aguirre, who led the rebels at Concepcion, and Bernardo Ozueta, a civilian delegate on the revolutionary Junta.

Both men predicted yesterday that the Paraguayan president, Dr. Morinigo, would be "ousted" by the revolutionaries. They emphasized that they did

American Probe Into Communism

Washington, Mar. 27. Continuing testimony on Communist activities in the United States, the House Un-American Affairs Committee heard Louis E. Starr, commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, propose that control of atomic energy be returned to the military to warn challengers of democracy everywhere "we mean business."

At the same time, the Committee chairman, Mr. J. Parnell Thomas, said he agreed "100 per cent" with the proposal. Mr. Thomas said: "If we put the atom bomb in the hands of a group of Milquetists, we can be sure we'll just be hurrying the day when the bomb is used against us."

He added that the position of the country today was "more dangerous" than ever before because the Communists had been permitted to obtain key Federal jobs.

Later, Mr. Starr, said that when conditions become more settled, Congress may revive the Atomic Energy Commission and relegate the military to an advisory capacity.

Meanwhile, in the House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing, the Secretary of War, Mr. Robert Patterson, said that he knew no reason for exempting Communists from overseas war service.

Other statements presented to the House Committee on Un-American Activities included the American Civil Liberties Union's, which termed bills to outlaw the Communist Party "un-American and a threat to civil liberties." The Union asked for permission to testify before the Committee and said its opposition was not an endorsement of Communism.

Other highlights of the hearing came when two Committee

members denounced Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the American Communist Party, as a draft dodger and a fugitive wanted by the Los Angeles police for 17 years.

Yesterday Dennis threw the Committee into an uproar when he threw the Committee subpoena on the floor and refused to reveal his true identity.

American Films

Eric Johnston, President of the Motion Picture Association, said the Communists had suffered an "overwhelming defeat" in any effort they may have made to take over the movie industry.

In a statement prepared for the Committee, Johnston sharply contradicted charges by the Federal Bureau of Investigation chief, Mr. Edgar Hoover, that Communists had been unusually successful in getting their propaganda into the movies.

Johnston said that far from taking over Hollywood, the Communists had come to fear American motion pictures as one of their greatest detractors. He said Communists the world over tried to keep out American films because they told the truth about democracy.

"American films give the lie by visual evidence to totalitarian propaganda," Johnston declared. He added that American Ambassadors urged the heavy re-entry of American films where they were excluded.—United Press.

Wife Condoned Adultery

London, Mar. 27. Sir Victor Frederick William Cavendish-Bentinck, Ambassador-designate to Brazil, today lost a weeklong suit for divorce when his wife, Clothilde, was granted a judicial separation.

Mr. Justice Hodson said he must accept Mrs. Cavendish-Bentinck's denial of adultery with Señor Francisco de Amato y Torres, Spanish Consul in San Francisco, while she was living in California.

Sir Charles Hodson also found the husband had not established grounds for divorce by desertion because he had refused his wife's offers to return to him from the United States.

Sir Charles said that Cavendish-Bentinck had been very frank concerning his own adultery with a series of three mistresses over a period of years and at least three extra-marital adventures of an isolated character.

"One of the curious features of this case," said Sir Charles, "is that the husband's adultery with a number of people was known to his wife and she condoned it. She had not condoned adultery with the last mistress with whom this man had been living."—United Press.

Amendments To Loan

Washington, Mar. 27. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge today offered amendments to provide strict United States supervision over the proposed \$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish programme.

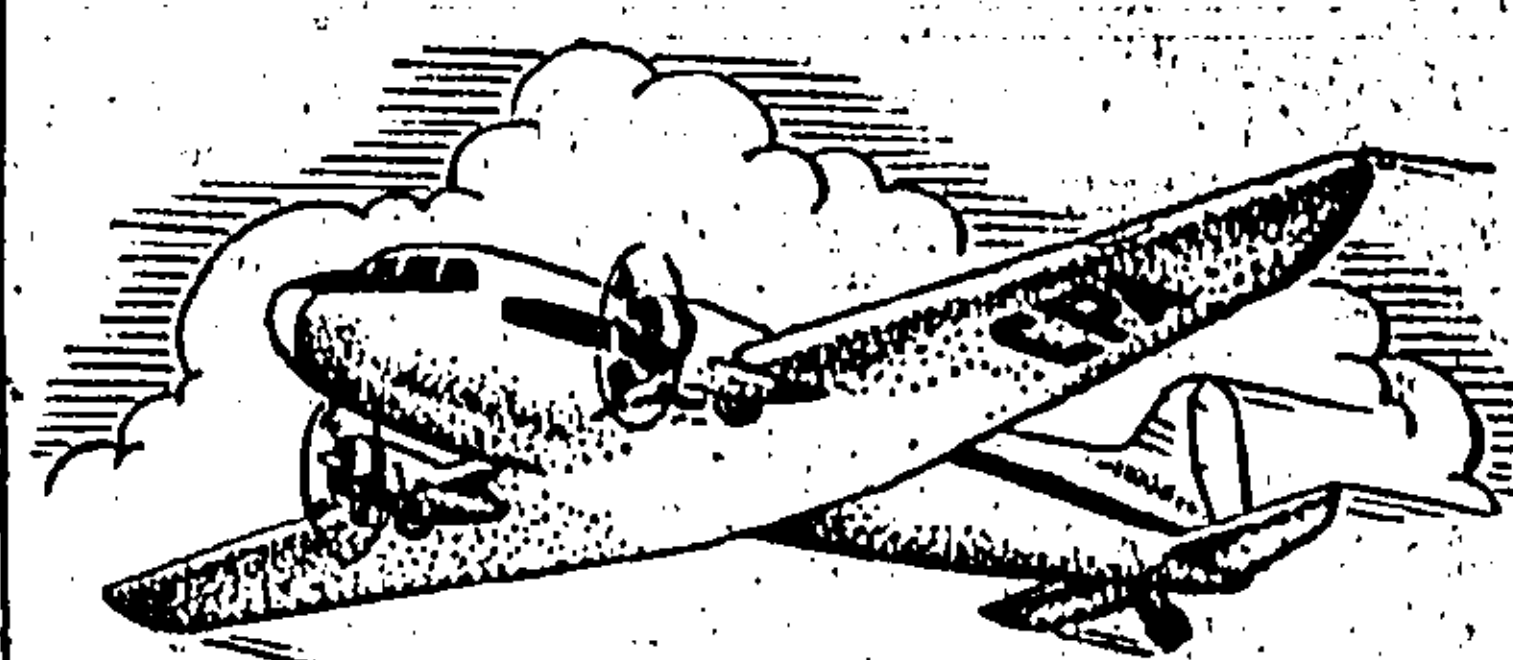
The amendments provide:— 1. President Truman should appoint an administrator, working within the State Department to supervise the programme.

2. Neither Turkey nor Greece could use United States funds to make payments of loans obtained from other countries.

3. Greece and Turkey through taxation should try to support their reconstruction.

Meanwhile, the Under-Secretary of State, Willard Thorpe, said he hoped that such a programme as the proposed Turco-Greek aid can be taken over by international organizations "and the sooner the better."—United Press.

not come to Brazil to request support.—United Press.



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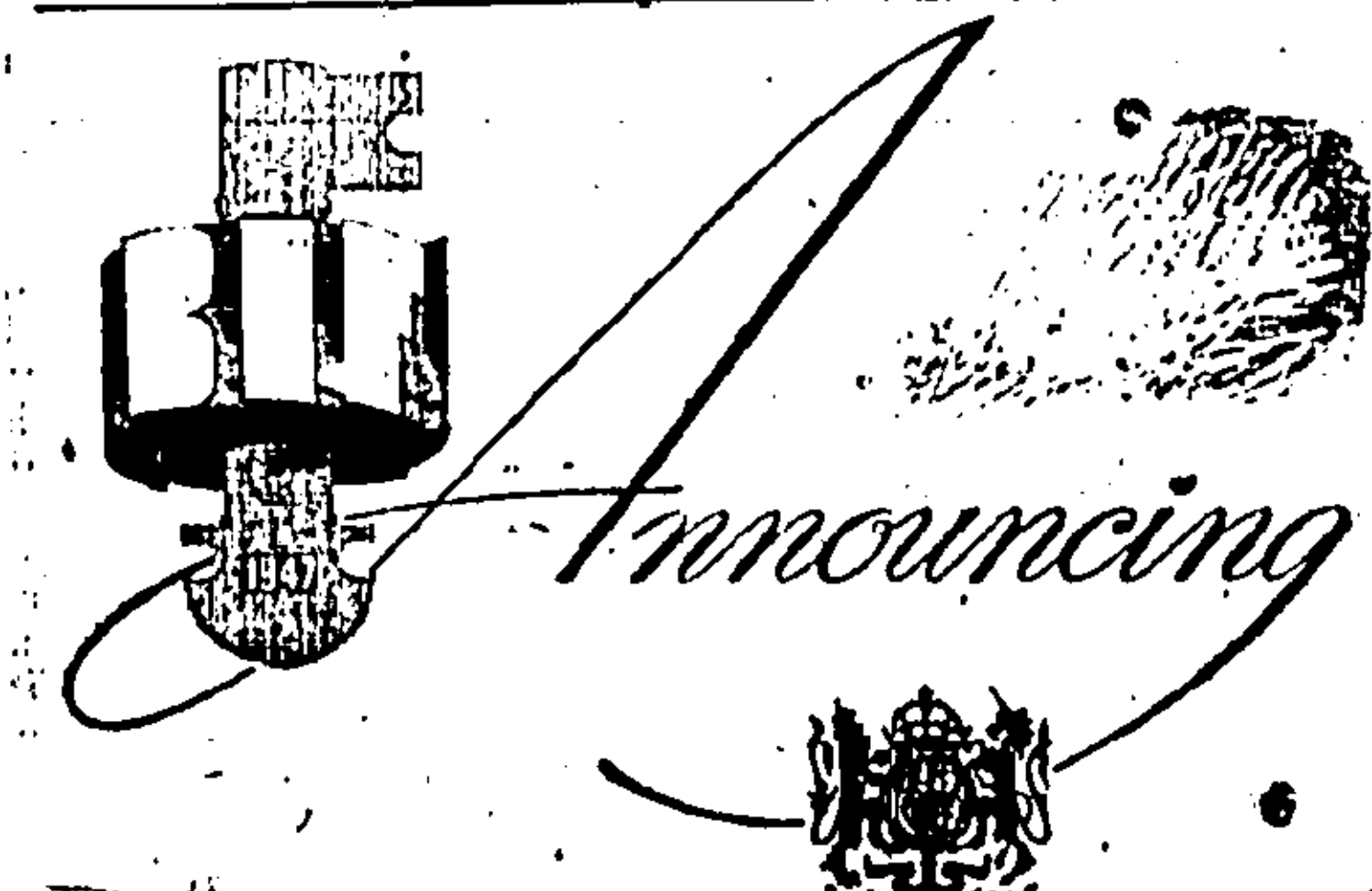
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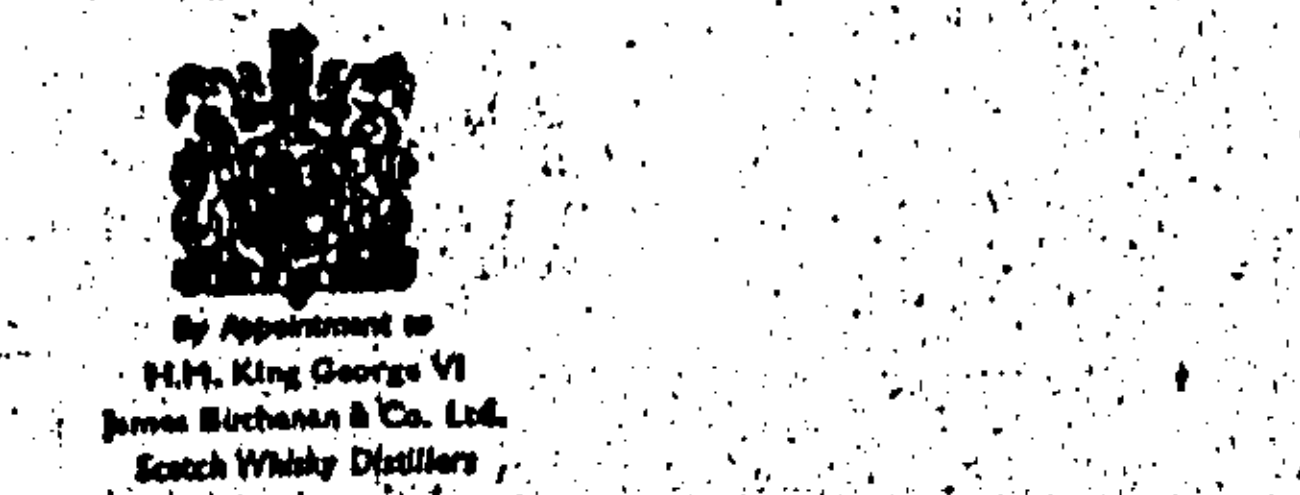
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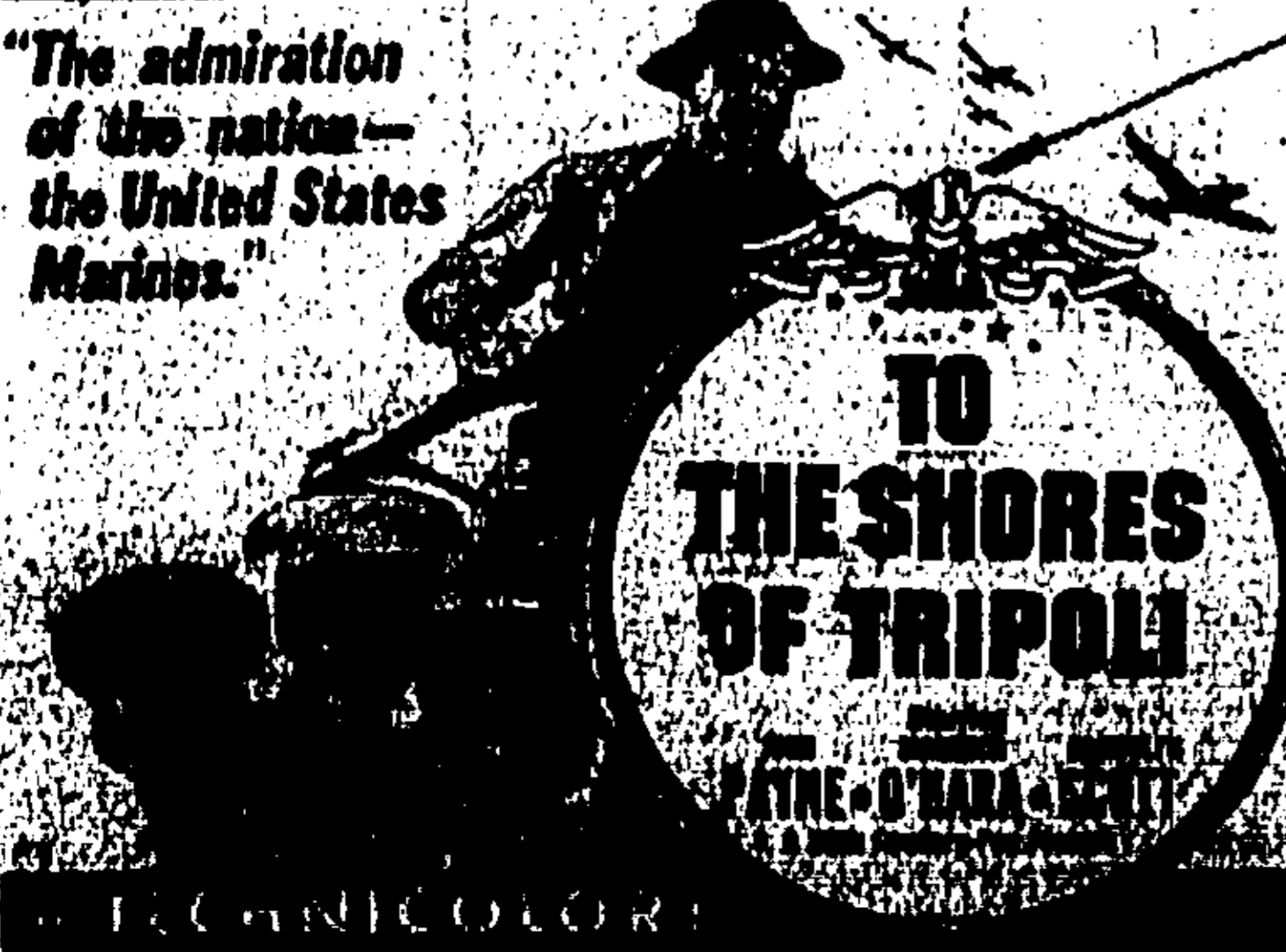
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MI-5 WEEDING OUT RED CIVIL SERVANTS?

London, Mar. 27.
Three scientist civil servants, it was disclosed to-day, have had promotion countermanded on the instructions of MI-5—the security branch of the War Office military intelligence. One, a temporary employee, had his recommendation for permanent employment cancelled and the promotion of two others to higher paid duties was stopped.

"It is strongly suspected that it is the colour of their politics that is regarded as non-acceptable," said an official of the Institute of Professional Civil Servants to Reuters. The civil servant scientist, who was doing temporary work qualified for employment on a permanent basis. He was notified that this was revoked without any reason being given. He is known to be a member of the Communist Party.

"We could not get any satisfaction from the Government, so we referred the matter to a negotiating body who are taking the whole thing up," the official said. "The question arises whether the action of MI-5 is not an interference with the personal liberty of a subject."

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According to reports in a London evening newspaper to-day, some workers are connected with the development of atomic energy research.

The reports followed the publication in the Communist "Daily Worker" of a statement that MI-5 had forced the dismissal of Communists from the civil service. The "Daily Worker" quoted Len White, Secretary of the Civil Service Clerical Association, as the source of its report.

According to Mr. White, six Communists have been discharged and five others prevented from obtaining permanent employment in the civil service. The General Secretary of the

Institution of Professional Civil Servants went this afternoon to the offices of the Treasury to discuss the question of suspension. Both he and Mr. White could not be reached this afternoon and would make no statements.

Mr. Harry Pollitt, Secretary of the Communist Party of Great Britain, said: "I have no evidence that military intelligence has dismissed them because they are members of the Communist Party."

Takes A Poor View
"If we find that this is so you can believe me that we shall get cracking to stop it. We should take a poor view of such a taking place in Socialist Britain."

MI-5 is the undercover organisation responsible in wartime and peacetime for counter-espionage and for the preservation of all State secrets, whether civil or military.

"Its activities are being directed increasingly to civil affairs," an informed source told Reuters today. "It works in connection with every government department."

Some newspaper reports named the suspended or dismissed civil servants as employees of the Home Office, Admiralty and Ministry of Supply. None of these three Government departments would make any comment on the reports today and refused either to confirm or deny them.

"Secret Police"
"The secret police is an institution which the British pub-

BUDGET DAY

London, Mar. 27.
Budget day this year has been fixed for April 15—the day on which Parliament re-assembles after the Easter recess.

This was announced in the House of Commons today by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the House of Commons.—Reuter.

He has always imagined was to be found only in the less democratic countries," said the National Council of Civil Liberties, commenting tonight on MI-5 activity.

"Now we see one in action in Britain. The victim is not informed of the charges against him and can take no action to refute them and clear himself. The British people must protest now or they will find their civil liberties are taken from them."

"Let those against whom there are accusations be informed of them and let the public know too, so that all can judge the issue."

Two young women clerks, members of the Civil Service Clerical Association, are also said to have been dismissed through the intervention of MI-5.

The two women do not know what they have been dismissed for.

"They were not told," said Mr. White, the General Secretary of the Association. "They are both members of the Communist Party and as in the present cases a number of previous cases persons concerned have all significantly been Communist. The assumption is that this is the reason, but we cannot get official confirmation or denial of it."—Reuter.

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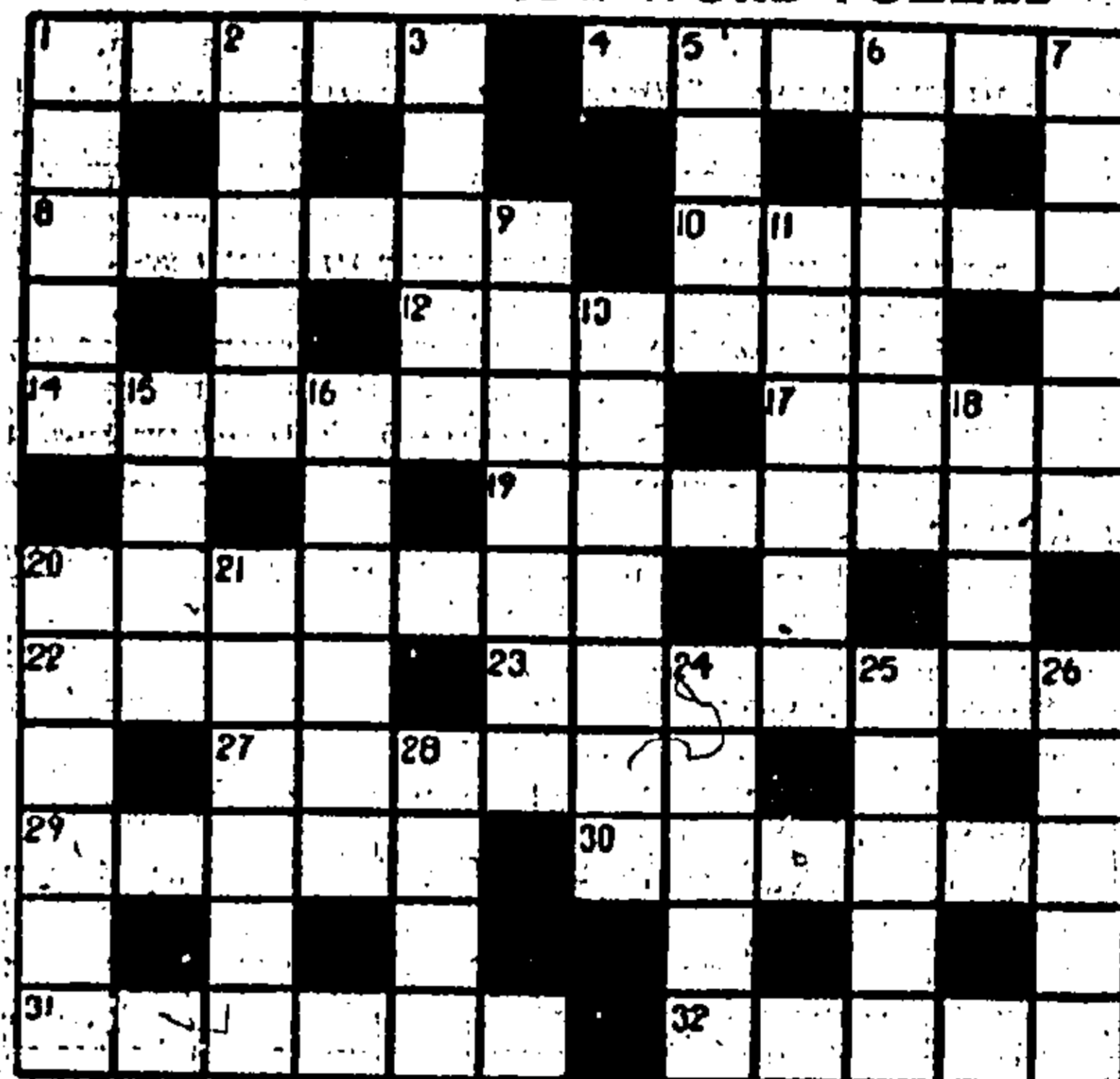
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10. Part of play.
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17. Mineral salt.
19. Offers.
20. Pirate.
22. Dregs.

Clues Down

1. Shropshire.
2. Passenger ship.
3. Avoid.
5. Trick.
7. Insect.
8. Rises in.
9. Taking on lease.
11. Infant's bed.
13. Barren.
15. Musical instrument.
16. Thrown violently.
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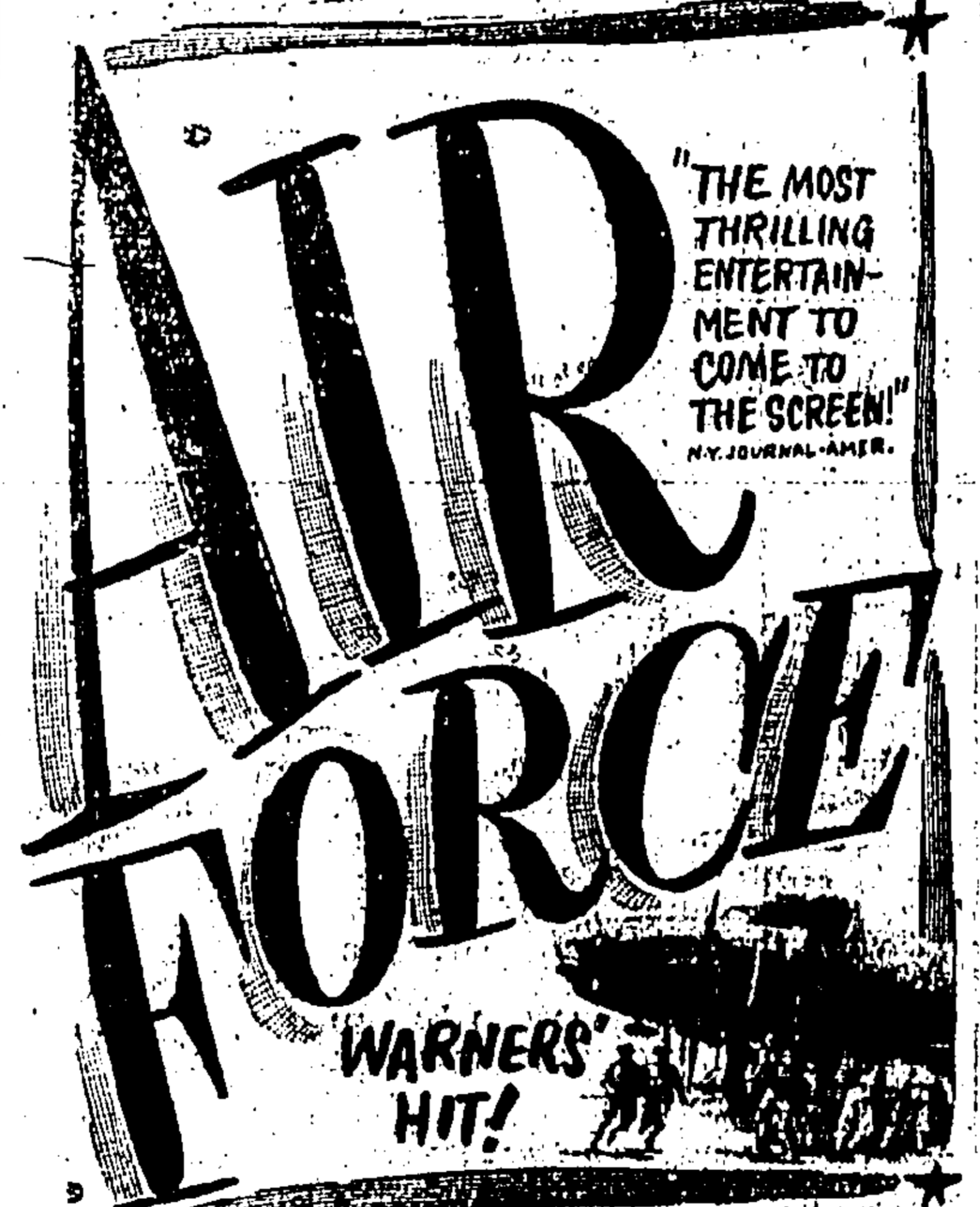
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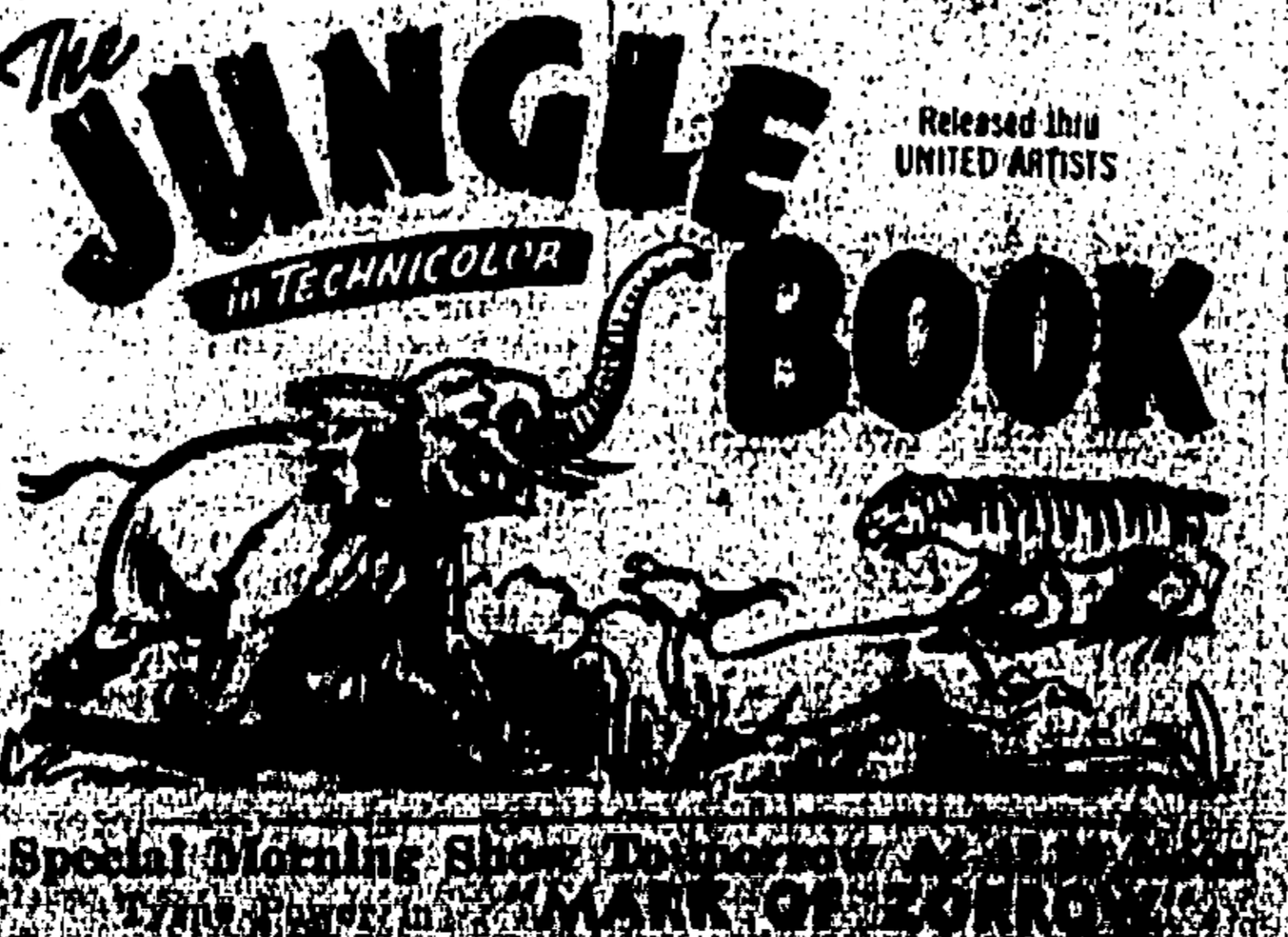
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